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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR U.S. OBSERVER AT MEETING OF UNESCO BOROBUDUR
RESTORATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED REQUEST FROM HIROSHI DAIFUKU OF UNESCO (PARIS) SITES AND MONUMENTS DIVISION TO SEND OBSERVER TO FOURTH MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UNESCO "INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO SAFEGUARD THE TEMPLE OF BOROBUDUR," TO BE HELD IN YOGYAKARTA FROM MONDAY, JUNE 23 (THREE DAYS HENCE) THROUGH JUNE 27. DAIFUKU ACKNOWLEDGED THAT INVITATION IS VERY LATE, DUE HE SAID TO OVERSIGHT. HE STATED THAT US MISSION TO UNESCO HAD USUALLY SENT OBSERVER TO PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETINGS, ALTHOUGH U.S. IS NOT A MEMBER OF COMMITTEE DUE TO LACK OF U.S. GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION TO BOROBUDUR RESTORATION.

2. MAIN FOCUS OF UPCOMING MEETING IN PRACTICE WILL BE QUESTION OF FINANCING ADDITIONAL COSTS OF RESTORATION PROJECT, FOR WHICH RECENT RE-ESTIMATE HAS RESULTED IN OVER 100 PERCENT INCREASE (FROM \$7.75 MILLION TO \$16 MILLION). DESPITE PREVIOUS USG NON-PARTICIPATION IN FINANCING OF PROJECT, UNESCO OFFICIALS HAVE NEVER ABANDONED HOPE FOR OFFICIAL U.S. CONTRIBUTION (IN ADDITION TO \$1.27 MILLION PRIVATE U.S. DONATIONS), AND CLEARLY ONE REASON FOR CURRENT INVITATION IS TO HAVE U.S. IN ATTENDANCE

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WHEN NEW FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS PRESENTED.

3. EMBASSY NOT INCLINED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING,
GIVEN APPARENT UNLIKELIHOOD OF ANY OFFICIAL U.S.
CONTRIBUTION BEING FORTHCOMING FOR THIS PROJECT. HOWEVER,
IF CONSIDERED ADVISABLE BY DEPARTMENT OR U.S. MISSION
UNESCO, WE WILLING TO TRY TO SEND SUITABLE EMBASSY
REPRESENTATIVE AT LEAST FOR FIRST DAY OF MEETING.

4. REQUEST REPLY BY EARLY A.M. JAKARTA TIME JUNE 21
(COB WASHINGTON, JUNE 20).
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